ERIC Database - Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What Full Text sources are available in the ERIC database?

When the Full Text limiter is applied when searching the ERIC database, record selection is limited to Eric Digests and documents available at EDRS.

If the "Include Linked Full Text (FT) Journals when using FT" option is enabled in EBSCOadmin, Full Text limiting includes the results mentioned above and linking to other EBSCO products or Electronic Journal Services where applicable.

Q. How often is the ERIC database updated?

EBSCO updates the ERIC database on a monthly basis, or as often as new or updated content is received by EBSCO.

Q. Why, when I followed a persistent link in ERIC, would the Full Text not be linked?

In certain databases, (ERIC, ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials, and CINAHL), the full text links are set by the database provider. For these links to be "active" on EBSCOhost, the persistent link URL must include "scope=site".

To include Scope=Site on persistent links:

2. Click the Customize Services Tab, then click the Linking Sub-Tab.
3. Set the Include scope information on persistent links feature to On.
4. Click Submit. Your changes are saved.

Note: If you have previously-saved persistent links, you may need to manually add "scope=site" to the URL to access the active link.
Q. In ERIC, what are Online Submissions and where do they come from?

In ERIC, the Publication limiter entitled "Online Submissions" refers to content within ERIC that has been submitted individually by authors, instead of by a publisher. This content includes, but is not limited to, dissertations, theses, research reports, and presentations. Online submissions must meet ERIC’s academic standards for inclusion in the database, therefore content would not include blogs or lesson plans, for example. For more information, click the Screening Criteria link below.

ERIC then indexes all the approved content together under the source heading "Online Submissions." For this reason, when you want to view this content in EBSCOhost it will appear to be coming from a single source in ERIC: Online Submissions.

Please follow the link below to visit the official ERIC website for more information on Online Submissions:

Online Submissions:

http://eric.ed.gov/submit/

Q. What are identifiers in the ERIC database?

Identifiers are highly specific entities, including most proper nouns/noun phrases, for which Thesaurus control is unnecessary. They may also be new concepts, under consideration, or awaiting approval, for admission to the ERIC Thesaurus.*

*From the ERIC website. For more information, click here.